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Black River Systems, Co. awarded \$3.1M contract

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$3,167,099 contract to Black River Systems Co. of Utica for the development of technology to enhance intelligence fusion.

The three-year agreement, "Fusion Research and Evaluation Development (FRED) Analysis of Alternatives," is partially funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of Arlington, Va.

"Black River Systems engineers will help develop a fusion testbed," said Stephen A. Scott, program manager in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division.

"The objective of the contract is to facilitate a broad area of command, control, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (C2 ISR), and fusion technology development," said Scott. "The effort will include testing, evaluations and demonstrations of technology in the C2 ISR area, utilizing the directorate's Fusion Testbed."

The testbed will be used to develop fusion and information technology to demonstrate an integrated ISR architecture, which will support and facilitate the sharing and exploitation of data from a variety of sensors.

Such fused data will help provide commanders with a coherent, common operational picture of the battle space. @